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Quincy Cabot, at the suggestion of Doug Dillon, came to see me this morning. He has been working as a productivity expert in the MSA mission to France. He would like to have, upon the expiration of his present employment, a job in our mission. I explained to him that all personnel -- was frozen and there was nothing in prospect that might be interesting to him. Because of his long experience with Stone and Webster, I told him I would take up with Graham Martin the possibility of his employment by FBO as a construction expert, which seemed to please him.

Marian Hall came to lunch with us as well as Nancy Lancaster. Marian had been at the coronation in London. Since because of a fall, she has one leg in a plaster cast, this must have represented a feat of physical endurance. She described, as has everyone else who was present, the coronation as having been a triumph of sentiment, organization and beauty.

John Hughes called me from Washington this afternoon to talk about personnel matters. His name has been approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and he is hopeful of early action by the Senate itself.

Ashley Clarke came for dinner tonight.

A few minutes before he arrived, Audrey appeared, having flown over on TWA. Owing to mechanical difficulties, the plane on which she had originally embarked turned back to New York after a two-hour flight, so she finally arrived twelve hours later than originally expected.

The reports coming in on the Italian elections are not cheerful although the de Gasperi Government will have a majority in both chambers. A popular vote of about 49.7 percent of the total vote cast missed by a margin of 57,000 votes giving them the 50 percent odd popular majority needed in order to

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obtain in the lower house a bonus of 15 percent of the seats. This is going to make things difficult in connection with the European Army, but it is too early yet to see how de Gasperi may be able to reform his lines.

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